

## THE OPENING WORK.

The Stars and Stripes Fly from the School House.

And the Institute is in Full Blast—Good Attendance—Talented Instructor—Driving Work.

Once more the mind-training machinery of Belmont county rolls in from her hills and valleys to undergo the annual brushing and burnishing for the coming year's work. An unusually warm welcome was given to the new school on Monday as teachers old and new stepped into the open arms of the town to renew the acquaintances and revive the memories of a year ago. The first day started with professed enthusiasm somewhat smothered by the heat, but the Executive Committee happily thought of this condition of things, and accepted the fans of F. Troll & Sons. These had the desired effect. Every teacher was put to work, and before the day closed signs of life of the kind sought for began to look from the eyes of every one. About 9 o'clock, in the afternoon, the Anderson, chairman of the Executive Committee, stepped to the front and called the institute to order. That soul-stirring song, "America," rang from the throats of the choir. President W. D. Porterfield made an impressive and somewhat impromptu inaugural, and devotional exercises were conducted by Superintendent Rossier.

Professor W. A. Clark, of Lebanon, O., went to work at once, and aided by Superintendent Mertz, of Steubenville, and Superintendent Jones, of Bellaire, soon had a trial program arranged on the blackboard. The work assigned to the various instructors is as follows: Clark—Arithmetic, Psychology, English Grammar and Physiology; Mertz—Physical Geography; Jones—Reading; Jones—Theory and Practice, Penmanship, and Exercises. At 10:15 the institute was fairly at work. Jones taking the lead with Theory and Practice. He at once tumbled the class into a sea of psychological technicalities. This had the happy effect of cleansing the rusty mental machinery of the teachers and clearing away the cobwebs. Clark and his Arithmetic came in next. He seems a master of the situation, plowing fearlessly among the stumps and weeds of those who've gone before, planning new ideas and hoeing up the old. Opening up the field of percentage, with the class at the plow, as all teachers should, a few rounds brought the class against a sunken stone. He could have dug it out himself, but he calmly folded his arms. Then the bell ringing he dismissed the class to tussle alone at the stone, "one-fortieth of 8 eighths?" Mertz introduced his method of handling history. By way of preparing the class for taking up the history of the Ohio Valley he gave a lesson on free hand map-drawing, penciling an outline map of the United States on the blackboard. His plan is to associate historical events with a clear idea of where on the face of the earth they took place. Mr. Mertz unfolds his ideas calmly and skillfully.

After noon, the stone walls of the Court House Hall spread welcome coolness over the sweat-bathed brows of all who availed themselves of this comfort. The air laden with sweet music produced by Miss Mary Blair, alternately from two fine toned pianos, makes this spacious resort a desirable retreat for the shade-seeking, music-loving county teacher. Here at 1:15, Dr. Hingley began his 20 minutes' talk on the subject, "Manliness of English Literature." He spoke of the struggles of Shakespeare, Wordsworth, and our American Prescott; these, great in his opinion, among the geniuses of literature, who amid the discomforts of poverty built monuments that stand high and lasting in the vast cemetery of history. These after-dinner talks promise to become one of the most interesting features of the Institute program. Let us see who will come the nearest to Dr. Chauncey M. Depew. We expect just enough, wit, humor, etc., at these feasts to promote good digestion.

In the afternoon the class work was resumed at the School house. Clark began with his pick at the infinitive and showed that not all infinitives have clause substitutes, e. g., "I heard him sing." His work in Physiology is thorough, and he defines it as a study of a live human body, not a dead one. Monday closed with much to encourage the management of the Institute. Tuesday's work is a continuation of the work begun on Monday. The teachers are still coming in, and the attention of the classes is being closely held. The enrollment by noon Tuesday was 44, being much larger than at the corresponding day last year. The President, W. D. Porterfield, is faithfully filling the chair, and performing the various other duties of his office. Mr. Porterfield is one of the movers in educational work in this township, and is doing much toward the attempt to secure Township Supervision here this coming year. P. T. Anderson, the Treasurer and chairman of the Executive Committee has done and is doing much toward making this session of the Institute a success. Any one who will take the trouble to examine the circular sent out by the Executive Committee will recognize that genius and economy united in getting up one of the most pleasing programs that has ever been advertised since the Institute was organized. This we understand is the realization of one of Mr. Anderson's ideas. He has not been alone in this work. Miss Lida Anderson is equal to the occasion and has done her share efficiently and faithfully. She has for several years led the little ones in the St. Clairsville schools. Public exhibitions of her work attest her eminent ability to teach and drill. E. E. Workman, the other member is not present. His place on the committee has no doubt been as well filled as distance would permit. It is a successful teacher in the southern part of the county.

## THE BIG STORM.

Thunder and Lightning and Rain and Wind.

Swept Over Town Sunday Night—Lights Out—Trees Demolished—A Barn Burned—Other News.

A heavy storm, the like of which is not remembered by the oldest citizens, visited this town and vicinity Sunday night. A black cloud came up from the east, and brought with it a moderate rain, and some unpleasantly vigorous electricity. Sharp, vivid lightning followed immediately by earth-shaking thunder, were frequent. A bolt struck the electric light wire, and running down the line, instantly burned out the fuses, and the lights were extinguished in every house and place of business. The rain then ceased, and the storm was thought to be over. But the sky continued to be filled on every side with great flashes of light, alternated with vicious zigzag streaks that hissed down from zenith to horizon like gleaming blades. In half an hour everything let go and came on at once from all directions. The blinding light and violent thunder were incessant. The clouds seemed to simply burst and drop the water in solid sheets, while the wind arose, broke off branches of trees, demolished windows and shook buildings. There seemed to be no end to the bombardment.

A bolt of lightning struck and shivered to splinters a cypress tree in the yard of Mrs. McGee. The tree was highly prized as it was the largest and most beautiful of its kind anywhere in this vicinity. The barn of James Wise, on hill back of West Wheeling, and on the James Alexander farm, was also struck, and its burning could be plainly seen from the Court house. The barn was a new one, and was filled with this year's harvest. Mr. Wise's loss was 300 bushels of wheat, 25 tons of hay and farming implements, amounting in all to nearly \$2,000, on which there was insurance to the amount of \$1,400. The other burning building seen by some persons was probably one of several barns east of the river, and reported to have been struck. Many persons were badly frightened. At the Clarendon, when a fearful crash put out the lights, a snapping and cracking was heard all over the house, and several persons received distinct shocks. Mrs. Clark was completely prostrated, and was for some minutes unconscious.

Reports from the country round about indicate that the storm was especially severe west and south. The corn was badly flattened out. At Loydsville the front was blown out of the Methodist church.

A Sad Bereavement.  
Mrs. Jean Robinson died at her home in Martin's Ferry last Wednesday evening. She had been sick from typhoid fever for several weeks. Deceased was the wife of Harry Robinson, son of ex-County Treasurer Geo. Robinson. She was a daughter of Charles Humphreys, who removed from Martin's Ferry to Alabama a few years ago. In last December she was married to Mr. Robinson, and has since lived at Martin's Ferry. She was only 21 years of age. The young husband in his sad bereavement has the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends, both at Martin's Ferry and at this place. He had just fairly started on his life work, and his loss will seriously interfere with his work, and cast a gloom over the threshold of his active life.

The funeral was held at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. Rev. L. S. Winters conducted the services. The pall bearers were A. M. Keen, Thomas Pugh, Will Crowl, and Charles Selby. The interment was in the family vault at Union cemetery, this place, and the drive from Martin's Ferry was a terrible strain on all who came out. Over an hour and a half was consumed by the cortege in climbing the Big Hill.

Looks Like Convention.  
The Congressional Convention in the Guernsey-Muskingum district just west of us, convened in Zanesville on Tuesday, and after 180 ballots recessed until Wednesday morning. When the balloting was continued. Up to the hour of going to press 230 ballots had been taken with-out change except that Noble's 24 votes were cast for Colonel Taylor. The chances are that Colonel Taylor will be nominated.

A Very Good Actor.  
Frank Williams' good actor, Bad Actor, made a good record at Bucyrus, O., races last week. On Tuesday he took second place. On Friday in a race with eighteen entries and seven to start, he took first money (purse \$250), winning three straight heats, and making a record of 2:23 1/2, 2:25 1/2, 2:24 1/2. Bad Actor is a four-year-old, and is of the Ambassador stock, and a sure trotter.

A Horse Note.  
Leland Stanford's great stallion Palo Alto, who held the world's record of 2:08 1/2, died at the home of his owner in California, last week of pneumonia.

The double team of J. C. Hamlin, of Buffalo, driven by the great Tennessee reinsman, Ed Geary, last week lowered their record to 2:13.

Hopedale Normal College gives free tuition for the first six weeks of the fall term, for this year only. Business College, Normal School, and College under one management. For illustrated catalogue, address: E. E. HENDERSON, Pres., Hopedale, O.

Weather-Prophecy Hicks has hit it just right in his prediction for the past ten days. He prophesied the cold weather, the warm wave, the electric disturbances and the tremendous storm.

Mrs. Dr. Scott, of Barely Mission, Indiana, will speak at a called meeting of the W. F. M. S., to be held at the M. E. Parsonage, Friday, at 2:30 P. M., July 29. All are invited.

Badly Burned.  
B. R. Johnston was badly burned last Thursday about the eyes and face by the explosion of an ammonia bottle. Some of the liquid had been used from a large bottle, and the bottle partially filled had been left out in the sun. Mr. Johnston took it up to set it away, when the cork was blown out and the strong stuff thrown violently into his face. The fumes for a moment took his breath, while the fiery liquid burned his eyes and mouth severely.

Festival.  
The young ladies of the Methodist Church will give a festival in Court House Hall, Thursday evening. Festivals have been rather infrequent this summer, and it is hoped that a large and liberal attendance will be present on Thursday evening.

The Dispatch and the Strike.  
Absolutely fair, impartial and without any bias—but giving every detail of interest promptly and correctly. The best accounts of daily occurrences. The finest illustrations, giving real views of the situation.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

## Pertinent Points About People Who Come and Go.

—Master R. J. Baggis, of Bridgeport, has been visiting friends in town for the past week.

—George Troll, who has been spending a short vacation at home, returned to Canton on Sunday.

—I. H. Gaston, Thos. Burfoot and wife and Miss Harris, Lawson Emerson and wife, are parties from this place who will attend the Triennial Convocation of Knights Templar at Denver, Colorado, August 2d to 7th.

—Fred Fox, of Bridgeport, called on friends here Friday night.

—C. C. Williams started Sunday with Frank E. Williams' trotter, Bad Actor, for Keokuk, Iowa, where the horse will be entered for a big race.

—Mrs. Baird and children, and Miss Lucinda Gibson, of Cleveland, who have for the past two weeks been guests of L. P. Hoffman and family, of this place, returned to Cleveland Tuesday.

—R. S. Douglass, of Hendysburg, and E. W. Murphy, of Morristown, progressive young men, made this office a pleasant call Tuesday.

—Mad. Aldredge, Republican candidate for Auditor, was in town Tuesday.

—E. L. McMillen, of this paper, who has been laid up with typhoid fever for the past two weeks, is recovering rapidly and will be about in a short time.

—A. C. Darrah, Esq., David Darrah and Lyttleton Thompson, of this place, and D. H. Darrah, of Bellaire, went Monday to attend the races at Cleveland.

—Miss Martha Darrah returned Tuesday from a two weeks' visit at the Moundsville Assembly.

—Master Morgan Clarke, of Wheeling, is visiting relatives in town.

—Thompson McKelvey, of Zanesville, was with his parents at this place over Sunday.

—Senator Nichols, wife and boys, start Thursday for a trip to Chicago via Cleveland and the Lake Route.

—Mrs. Ella White and children, of Xenia, O., will be for the next few weeks guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson.

—Mrs. T. J. Scott and son, of India, are visiting H. C. Weldon and wife.

—Benjamin McBride and family returned Tuesday from Anderson, Ind., and were welcomed home by many friends.

—Will Murray, now located at Wheeling, was in town over Sunday, shaking hands with his numerous friends.

—Prof. Rossier returned Saturday from a several weeks' visit with relatives in the north part of the state.

—Judge Robert M. Eaton and sister, of Atchison, Kas., are visiting relatives in this county.

—Mrs. Harvey Benson, of Bellaire, was the guest of Mrs. W. N. Darby on Friday last.

—Misses Mary and Amelia Adams, of this place, went, Thursday, by way of the Pan-Handle to Atlantic City, accompanying a large party from Wheeling.

—Ex-Sheriff Pouke returned last week from a trip through the northwestern part of the state.

—Miss Mary Clark and J. L. Print drove to Belmont Sunday, and were caught on their return by the storm.

—W. G. Lewis and wife, of Bridgeport, spent Sunday in town.

—Clarence Roscoe, son of W. H. Roscoe, at the toll-gate west of town, was thought by the people to be a narrow gauge train taking a short cut into town.

The nine Polanders discharged from custody last week returned to the Wheeling creek mines, and are reported to be, one by one, getting out of the country.

J. B. ROFF and Sons have had their large store rooms from cellar to attic completely equipped with incandescent lights. The new lodge rooms of the Mechanics have been similarly fitted up.

## INTERESTING SHORT BITS.

Newsy Items Gathered from Town and Country.

Pithy Paragraphs Written or Passed—A Melange Dished Up for All Readers.

"FLY" is the brief name of a post-office in Monroe county.

No visitors are to be admitted to Epworth Park on the Sabbath Day.

Mrs. HEINLEN needs no introduction to the people of St. Clairsville.

CHAPLAIN McCABE is one of the attractions at the Cadiz camp meeting.

The new stamping company at Bellaire will employ over a hundred men.

FOUR miners were badly injured by a fall of soapstone at a Bellaire mine last week.

SEND us \$1.50 and receive THE CHRONICLE and the New York Tribune—one entire year.

THE A. M. E. Church, of Bellaire, is making arrangements for the usual Bethel camp meeting.

STUDENTS of Physical Geography should not fail to hear the rare lecture on Tuesday night.

It might be well enough to get vaccinated during this hot weather, when you have nothing else to do.

COME out on Tuesday and Friday evenings of next week, and hear the lectures and music in Court House Hall.

HENRY DUCKER has purchased a neat new wagon suitable for parties or fishing parties, or for moving household goods.

"Not for twenty years," says the Barnsville Republican, has base ball been as dead in Belmont county as it is now.

MISS CARRIE LANDFRIED and W. J. Kirkpatrick, the bustling young Republican of Bellaire, were married Thursday evening.

THE Democratic Congressional primary will be held Saturday, to elect delegates to the Bellaire Convention next Tuesday.

DURING a severe electrical storm at Ropley, O., last week, an 18-year-old girl, who had been blind from childhood, recovered her sight.

CADIZ camp meeting is to continue over two Sundays. This indicates that it is to be run on business rather than religious principles.

WHEAT is mostly in stack and the crop is much above the average. Grass is mostly cut and the crop is a little light. Oats promises a good yield.

LADIES can get boarding, tuition, furnished room, books (rented), fuel and light at Franklin College, New Athens, O., for \$2.00. See catalogue.

Down in Washington township blackberries are so plentiful that it does not pay to pick them. They have been selling at one dollar a bucket here.

It is still thought that the purchase of the Terminal Bridge and Railway Company by the Wheeling and Lake Erie Road is a matter of the near future.

THERE are now in the penitentiary at Columbus 1976 persons, the largest number ever confined there at one time. The accommodations are becoming cramped.

A STEAM thrasher coming over the hills into Caldwell a few days ago, was thought by the people to be a narrow gauge train taking a short cut into town.

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THE musical feature of the evening lecture for next week has not been neglected. Mrs. Gertrude Heinlein, of Bellaire, will be with us, and delight the audience with excellent music. Music-loving people should not fail to be present.

SECRETARY ELKINS has positively declined to accept the Republican candidacy for Governor of West Virginia. This is a great disappointment to the Republicans of that State, as Elkins would without doubt have been elected.

A NUMBER of young men at Bellaire, who have been growing prematurely bald, and who don't like it, used a prescription recommended by a barber. The stuff took out what little hair was left, and badly blistered the bare pates of the foolish youth.

A LADY, born and raised within seven miles of Caldwell, and who was 42 years old last Friday, visited that place on that day for the first time. She expressed herself as well pleased with the town, and the places of business, etc., were very interesting to her.

ON the night of August 5th the planet Mars, which is usually at a distance of one hundred and forty million miles from the earth, will venture to within thirty-five million miles. This will not occur again for fifteen years, so you had better make a note of it.

## BOLD ROBBERS.

Four Masked Men Make a Neat Haul of Gold.

A peculiarly bold robbery was committed at the residence of Henry Rehm, a mile and a half east of town, Saturday evening. Mr. Rehm was not at home. Between 8:30 and 9 o'clock his daughter was sitting at the door in the front part of the house. She was suddenly confronted by four men who seemed to spring from the ground. On her outcry, Mrs. Rehm, who was down stairs, ran up, and both women were seized by the throat, and revolvers pointed at them. One of the men asked "Where's Pap's room?" and without pausing for a reply two of them passed on directly to Mr. Rehm's room, and at once, without disturbing anything else, proceeded to rifle a strong box in which were kept money and valuable papers. Ninety four dollars in gold, seventy dollars in silver, twenty-two dollars in paper, and \$200 worth of notes were taken.

Having secured this booty the thieves made off. The women were too much frightened to take any detailed observation of the men, but they seem to have been well dressed, to have worn black stiff hats, and had masks covering the upper parts of the face. The time of the robbery, and the manner in which the robbers went about it, seeming to know of Mr. Rehm's habit of having about his house a considerable sum of money, and that he kept it in a certain box in his room, makes it evident that some one well acquainted with the house and its inmates had a hand in the matter.

The fact that so much of the money was gone ought to furnish some clue to the identity of the thieves, if the proper parties are watched. The further fact that there was a 3-dollar gold piece among the coins might, inasmuch as this denomination is extremely rare, lead to the detection of the parties. The stolen papers were important and valuable to Mr. Rehm only. Mr. Rehm has a well-grounded suspicion as to a part at least of the four, and he proposes to do some vigorous work in unearthing them.

They Understand.  
An intelligent farmer came into our office last week to pay his subscription; in the course of conversation we remarked that it was rather unfortunate that wool was so low this year. He said: "It will not make any difference with the farmer so far as politics is concerned; they understand this matter and know that wool would be a great lower if foreign wool could be brought in free of duty in competition with our wool. They know that foreign wool having to pay a duty of 11 cents per pound before it can enter our market keeps our wool to where it is. If Harrison is defeated it will not be by wool growers' votes."—Eco.

This Week's Big Bargains.  
Special sales Lace Curtains and Portieres: 25 prs Lace Curtains, white and cream, at \$1.00 and \$1.25, worth \$1.75 and \$2.00.

25 prs Lace Curtains, cream only, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50 sold everywhere at \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

10 prs Portieres at \$5.00 to \$7.50, sold everywhere at \$7.00 to \$10, at 6 1/2 ct.

C. TROLL'S SONS.  
A Perfect Town.  
A perfect town is that in which you see the farmers patronizing the home merchants, the laborers spending the money they earn with their own tradesmen, and all animated by a spirit that will not purchase articles abroad if they can be bought at home. The spirit of reciprocity between business men and mechanic, tradesmen and laborer, farmer and manufacturer, results every time in making the town a perfect one to do business in.—Exchange.

DURING July, August and September, the C. L. & W. will run a special Sunday train to Chippewa Lake, leaving Bellaire at 6:25; Bridgeport at 6:42; and Barton at 7:06 A. M. Fare from Bellaire \$1.50; from Barton \$1.25. Chippewa is the coolest place in the State to spend the warmest hours in the day. 7 1/4 ct.

Simple Plan.  
A simple plan to keep caterpillars from going up trees is to run around the tree a copper wire, and half an inch above it a zinc wire. When the caterpillar starts in its ascent he strikes the copper wire and half an inch up he strikes the zinc while his body is yet in contact with the copper. Immediately a circuit is formed and the current of electricity passes through the caterpillar's body, killing him.

For Sale or Exchange.  
A good business stand in a good town, doing large business. For sale or lease for 5 years of good paying hotel—in a town of 10,000. Stock and mortgages bought and sold.

Wm. A. McMECHAN,  
St. Clairsville, O.

Good Riding.  
Miss Lulu Brown and Miss Wycoff, accompanied by George Brown, rode down to Wheeling on their bicycles Friday evening. Mr. Brown returned the same evening, but the ladies stopped over night in Wheeling, coming in Saturday morning, somewhat hot and dusty, but otherwise in excellent shape.

Wanted.—To correspond with a good girl for general house work, one who can give a good recommendation of character and work, can find a good home and good pay, by addressing Mrs. Geo. P. HOBBS, 70 Indiana St., Wheeling, W. Va. 6 30 ct.

Don't Do It.  
Two boys in Barnesville boys out hunting recently, stood their guns up against a tree while they ate their lunch. One of the guns fell, and was discharged. A doctor picked a lot of shot out of one of the boy's legs, and he is getting on the way as well as could be expected.

OUR store is passing into other hands, and we earnestly request all persons knowing themselves indebted to call and settle immediately. JONES & NEIL.

## SOME GENERAL NEWS.

Court Business Slows Up During the Hot Weather.

Instruction in Agriculture—Electric Light at Cadiz—Many Other Small and Pertinent Items.

Court Business is suffering from the general midsummer apathy, and but few cases have been filed in the office of Clerk Davies. Among those so filed are the following:

Lizzie Timberlake brings suit against the board of local directors of school district No. 1, in York township, alleging that she was hired by the Board to teach a seven months' term of school, and that afterwards taught five months the directors shut her out from the school house. She wants pay for the remaining two months.

Mary L. Cochran brings action against Leander McCord, demanding partition of real estate.

Ella M. McFarland, of Smith township, sues James N. Wiley for bastardy.

Frank B. Archer, County Treasurer, sues for \$237.95, unpaid taxes against the Wheeling National Gas Company.

Thomas Mears starts an action against the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company, for the recovery of \$1000 and interest from January 1st.

Rachel E. Campbell claims \$800 damages against the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Company, alleging in her petition that certain property belonging to her and located in the town of Burlington, O., is injured to that amount by the passage over it of this company's line.

J. W. Parry asks \$450 from Alex. McCounghy, because he sold McCounghy a certain milk wagon, a bull, milk cans and other articles, for which he received no pay.

Maggie Lewis, of Martin's Ferry, brings action to recover \$8,000 damage from the Wheeling Railway Company. She says that on the 7th of last December as she was riding down Fourth street, Martin's Ferry, in a car of this company, owing to the neglect and absence of the conductor, the car became unmanageable, ran swiftly down the incline, and that she was thereby thrown out and badly hurt.

Call for Aid.  
The new A. M. E. church is up. We have been working hard, and have raised over \$200 among ourselves, \$175 of which we have paid on the building, and about \$50 of which we have now on hand. We are poor and in need, and having done all we can within our own people, we call upon our friends to help us.

We have sent out the following papers with soliciting books, and we ask generous treatment from all our friends in this time of need: Samuel Jackson, Samuel Cochran, E. F. Newsome, Annie L. Cochran and A. March.

7 21 ct.  
Instruction in Agriculture.  
The Ohio State University offers a free scholarship in the Short Course in Agriculture to one student annually from each county in Ohio. Each scholarship covers all college dues and is valid for two years, hence each county may have two scholarships. The appointments are made by the county boards of agriculture, to whom applications for the scholarship for the coming two years should be made at once. The fall term begins September 14. For further information address W. H. Scott, Columbus, O.

Special Sale Carpets.  
Best Lowell Ingrain Carpets, 60, sold everywhere at 75c.

Best make Tapestry Brussels, 60 and 75c, worth 90c and \$1.00.

Good Ingrain Carpets 25, 30 and 35c, sold everywhere at 40 and 50c.

6 2 1/2 ct.  
CONRAD TROLL'S SONS.  
Electric Light.  
Cadiz is to have an electric light plant. A company with a capital stock of \$15,000 has been formed, and the shares at \$50 each have nearly all been taken by substantial business men of the town, who say that their object is not to make money on the investment, but to furnish their town with something that will add to the comfort of citizens. Whether their benevolent intentions will hold out or not remains to be seen, when it comes to fixing the price of lights.

Extraordinary Bargains in Jackets.  
Replete selection ladies' and misses' Jackets, Reefers and Capes, suitable for spring and fall wear. These goods sold regardless of cost, to close out, at 6 1/2 ct.

CONRAD TROLL'S SONS.  
A COMPANY was organized at Phoenix, Ariz., recently for the construction of what is claimed will be the largest artificial reservoir in the world. It will be 16 miles long and contain 103,650,000 cubic feet of water. This is the work on which our St. Clairsville boys who went to Phoenix were to have been employed.

Midsummer Bargains in Wall Paper.  
Beautiful patterns in suits, at decided bargains—less than cost for the next 30 days at 7 1/2 ct.

CROSSLAND'S.  
FRIDAY afternoon Daniel St. Cloud, a 16-year-old boy, whose home is at Deep Run, Martin's Ferry, presented an order for \$5 to Mrs. John King, with her husband's name signed to it. Mrs. King caught on and had the boy arrested for forgery, and he will wait the action of the grand jury.

Binder Twine—A fresh lot just in. Imperial Plow, best in the world. Crocker's Pure Bone Meal Fertilizer.

7 21 ct.  
D. H. McMECHAN.  
With this sort of weather, the often repeated advice given by exasperated persons to go hence to a warmer place loses its significance and sting.

LECTURES in Court House Hall, Tuesday and Friday evenings of each week of Institute. Admission 10c.

THOSE who have heard Dr. Burns on "Why I Read Shakespeare," pronounce it one of the best.

ATTEND the Lectures.

## MARCHING THROUGH.

An Old Soldier Wheeling a Barrow to Washington.

A dusty, begrimed man, wearing a G. A. R. button, and wheeling a neat little wheelbarrow, adorned with an American flag, came marching in on the pike from the West Tuesday morning. Inquiring for an old comrade he was directed to Major W. S. Kennon, to whom he presented a rather unique paper. The document was written at Mt. Pleasant, Mich. June 22nd, 1892, and was directed to "His Excellency, Benjamin Harrison." It set forth that the bearer was a resident of Mt. Pleasant, that his name was Henry T. Walsh, that he was known as "Little Henry," that he had been a brave soldier in Co. K, 3rd Michigan Infantry, and that he would set out on July 1st to wheel his barrow through to Washington to be present at the National Encampment. It was signed by prominent men of Mt. Pleasant, and from points at which the walker had stopped on his way through. Among the names were Alpheus Felch, a former Governor of Michigan and U. S. Senator; Austin Blair, Governor of Michigan from '61 to '68, and Edwin B. Winans, the present Governor. Walsh had stopped at Fremont, and been entertained by ex-President Hayes, whose name appeared on the paper, as did that of "Bill" Gibson, of Tiffin. Passing through Columbus Governor McKinley, Edgar J. Poock, Adjutant General, and C. L. Poorman, Secretary of State, had signed the paper. J. D. Taylor's name appeared, followed by that of O. M. Hamilton, Post Commander at Morris-town, and W. Estep, Surgeon of the 129th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Major Kennon affixed his signature, and Walsh spent the afternoon in town, in pleasant intercourse with old soldiers.

Walsh made about twenty-six miles a day before reaching the hills, and about twenty-four since. He is 56 years of age. His wheelbarrow is light and contains several rain proof compartments. It has his name and company lettered on one side, and "one country, one flag" on the other. The flag is of fine silk, and was presented him by the Woman's Relief Corps. at